

**Subject:** Re: CPRA request (LAATTY.2019.12.19.b)  
**From:** Bethelwel Wilson <bethelwel.wilson@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 1/13/20, 12:25 PM  
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Hello [REDACTED]

I will consult staff regarding your request for the 10 most recent referral information.

That is correct [REDACTED], the standards for opening a file are much lower than the standards to file a lawsuit against the property owner in court. In order for the DCA to file a nuisance abatement lawsuit, there has to be a long track record associated with the property such as a high volume of calls-for-service, police reports showing constant shootings/narco deals/assaults at a location, etc. To answer your final question, a gang officer might refer a location to the DCA because that gang officer has realized she has responded to several shootings at a location within a span of three months. So that officer might tip off the DCA orally that the property is a candidate for abatement due to the ongoing chronic criminal activity at the property, evidenced by the police reports generated by the gang officer's investigations of criminal activity at the location. The gang officer's communication would be sufficient for the DCA to open a case on the property.

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On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 12:13 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

I see. A few questions, then. First, how about if you all just look through the most recent 10 files and produce the referral information from those just so we can see what we're dealing with.

Also, here you say that the activity ''would have to be chronic and well-documented before a DCA would even consider filing,'' but at the same time you said before that there are 479 cases from 2018 and 2019. Since you sent me fewer than 70 complaints filed between 2017 and 2019 I'm assuming that the difference is accounted for by cases not filed. Are there lower standards for opening a file than for filing a complaint?

Finally, I assume that in cases where the referral is oral or anonymous the DCA will still require some kind of written documentation or evidence of some sort of the chronicity of the activity. What form does this take before a file is opened?

Thanks!

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020, at 12:05 PM, Bethelwel Wilson wrote:

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The City Attorney's Office can receive referrals regarding an alleged nuisance